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Kin-Buc studies next step

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Kin-Buc Inc. officials are undecided on what action to take now that the state Department of Environmental Protection has ordered them to close the Edison landfill as of Monday.

Beatrice Tylutki, director of Solid Waste Administration at the DEP, said if the landfill continues to operate, the DEP will advise the Attorney General's Office Monday, which will in turn seek a court injunction.

Marvin Mahan, chairman of the board at Kin-Buc, said the corporate officers are still debating remedies available to the firm.

He pointed out that there is no place available for the 270 industrial customers of Kin-Buc to dump sludge and other chemicals which the state's solvent recovery plants would not treat.

Miss Tylutki acknowledged that illegal dumping by industries which normally use Kin-Buc is conceivable. However, she said illegal dumping in New Jersey has long been a problem and the DEP officers will be making inspections. She noted the DEP closed Kin-Buc for environmental problems.

Meanwhile, the DEP continues to review Kin-Buc's plans to build one of the country's largest chemical treatment fa-

cilities on an adjoining 60-acre tract, which would also contain a new landfill to replace the one closed by the DEP. Kin-Buc had applied to the DEP in March of 1975 for the new solid waste and chemical landfill.

However, Miss Tylutki said the last set of revised plans were the first plans submitted, calling for chemical treatment and disposal rather than chemical dumping to be mixed with the garbage. She said if they are approved, the DEP would not allow the landfill to function without the treatment plant.

Miss Tylutki said a decision on those plans should be reached next week. She added, "I'm hopeful they or someone else will fill the void left when Kin-Buc I is closed." However, she said no one but Kin-Buc has contacted the DEP with plans for a chemical treatment facility.

Chemical firms in New Jersey relying on Kin-Buc's capacity for accepting 150,000 gallons of liquid waste per day, must now find alternatives.

The DEP supplied a list of nine New Jer-

sey firms and 10 out-of-state treatment facilities to corporations requesting them, but Miss Tylutki said as far as she knows no one has contacted the DEP for alternatives.

Kin-Buc officials have scoffed at that list, warning the state agency that many of the firms are Kin-Buc customers and those and the others do not have the needed capacity.

Miss Tylutki said, "That's a business decision," when asked what the state's large chemical firms will do.

However, she said industries could possibly store some chemicals at their own plants, adding if the liquids are "inert materials, they might go to another landfill."

She also said Kin-Buc's parent company, Scientific Inc., of Scotch Plains, has many garbage collectors and haulers which could possibly supply some storage space.

Mahan said the volume is just too great to do that, as Kin-Buc was the last landfill authorized to accept chemicals.